

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7236
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JAIL SECURITY
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Delhi edition of the 'Navbharat Times' dated January 15, 2002 regarding activities in Tihar Jail;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether it is a fact the some cartridge were found in Tihar Jail;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to step up the security of Jails and make arrangement to keep a special vigil on the persons visiting jails in view of the present prevailing situation; and
- (f) if so, the time by which adequate arrangement is likely to be made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): It is unfair to conclude on the basis of the stray incidents reported in the news item in question that it is not difficult to bring any article inside the Jail premises or there is total lack of proper security arrangements within the Jail premises.
- (c) and (d): Yes, Sir. During a search operation conducted on 7th January, 2002, five live cartridges concealed in a cold cream box were recovered. A criminal case was registered in this connection at Hari Nagar Police Station.
- (e) & (f): The Jail Administration has already taken several steps to strengthen the security arrangements in the Jail premises. These include thorough searching and frisking of the prisoners, staff and visitors before entering and leaving the jail premises; conducting of surprise searches under the supervision of senior officers; and enhanced vigilance inside the wards, specially the high security wards, etc.